



## South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs

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Michael J. Fitzmaurice South Dakota Veterans Home

March 29, 2021

Dear Resident and Resident Representative,

We are pleased to announce further updates to the South Dakota Veterans Home Policy regarding COVID-19 in response to recent CMS updated guidance.

### **Pet Visits**

We are allowing pet visits as of Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Visits must be scheduled in advance with the Administrative Secretary and only one (1) pet visit will be allowed in the building each day.

- A vaccination record for the pet must be submitted to the Director of Nursing or Assistant Director of Nursing at least two (2) business days prior to the visit.
- The pet must be manageable and kept on a leash at all times.
- The pet must remain in the room with the visitor. The pet may not be out in common areas or around other residents.
- Hand hygiene must be performed before and after the pet visit.

### **Catholic Services**

Catholic Services will resume in the SDVH Chapel in the coming weeks. Residents should watch internal postings and the chapel door for the service schedule.

- Only ten (10) residents may attend chapel at a time.

### **Haircuts**

Haircuts will now be available on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm in the SDVH Barber Shop. Haircuts are being provided by Jessica Mihok. To schedule an appointment, please call the Administrative Secretary at 605-745-5127 extension 1500116.

We will continue to review SD Dept. of Health and CDC updates and will notify you of any further policy changes.

Sincerely,

Rachelle Butler, RN/Infection Preventionist